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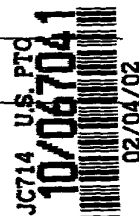
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b), of
 pending prior application no. 09/012,443 filed on January 23, 1998.

of Ding et al.
 (inventor(s) currently of record in prior application)

for Drug Release Stent Coating
 (title of invention)

1. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

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TYPE	NO. FILED	LESS	EXTRA	EXTRA RATE	FEE
Total Claims	15	-20	0	\$18.00 each	\$ 0.00
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Basic Fee					\$ 740.00
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2. ☒ Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account
 No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

3. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting on page 1, line 4, after "The present
 application is", -- a continuation of application serial no. 09/012,443
 filed January 23, 1998, which is a divisional of application serial no.
 08/663,518, filed June 13, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,837,313, which is
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- 4a. ☒ New formal drawings are enclosed.
- 4b. ☐ Informal drawings are enclosed.
- 5a. ☐ Priority of application no. filed on in is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- 5b. ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application no. , filed .
6. ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to Schneider USA.
- 7a. ☒ A copy of the Power of Attorney filed in the prior application no. 09/012,443, filed January 23, 1998 is enclosed.
- 7b. ☐ A Power of Attorney is enclosed.
8. ☐ This application contains nucleic acid and/or amino acid sequences required to be disclosed in a Sequence Listing under 37 CFR §§1.821-1.825. It is requested that the Sequence Listing in computer readable form from prior application no., filed on be made a part of the present application as provided for by 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e). The sequences disclosed therein are the same as the sequences disclosed in this application. A copy of the paper Sequence Listing from application no. is enclosed.
9. ☐ The undersigned states, under 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f), that the content of the enclosed paper Sequence Listing from application no. is the same as the content of the computer readable form submitted in application no. .
10. ☐ DO NOT PUBLISH. I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).
11. ☒ Additional enclosures or instructions. Information Disclosure Statement, "Revised from PTO 1449" entitled "List of References Cited" with references A-BL; Preliminary Amendment

Respectfully submitted,

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